

Introduced by Senator Torlakson

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An act to add and repeal Chapter 3.31 (commencing with Section 44710) of Part 25 of the Education Code, relating to teachers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1433, as introduced, Torlakson. Teachers: professional development: California Teacher Leadership Program.

Existing law establishes various programs that provide funding to local educational agencies for the training and professional development of teachers in order to improve the quality of instruction and, in turn, improve pupil academic achievement.

This bill would establish the California Teacher Leadership Program in order to provide funding to local educational agencies for purposes of training experienced teachers to become instructional coaches, as defined. The bill require local educational agencies that receive funding to provide 40 hours of initial instructional coach training and 80 hours of instructional coach professional development, as specified. The bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction, subject to approval by the State Board of Education, to perform various duties to administer the program, including the recommendation of applicant school districts for receipt of funding, allocation of funds, promulgation of regulations, and performance of program compliance audits, as specified. The bill would also require the State Board of Education to establish an audit appeal procedure, as specified. The bill would require the State Department of Education, by January 1, 2008, and again by July 1, 2008, subject to review and approval by the State Board of Education, to prepare and submit to the Legislature reports, as specified, regarding the operation and effectiveness of the program. The bill would provide that the program

becomes inoperative on July 1, 2009, and is repealed as of January 1, 2010.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 3.31 (commencing with Section 44710)
2 is added to Part 25 of the Education Code, to read:

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4 CHAPTER 3.31. CALIFORNIA TEACHER LEADERSHIP
5 PROGRAM
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7 44710. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the
8 California Teacher Leadership Program.

9 44711. For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions
10 apply:

11 (a) "Instructional coach" means an experienced teacher who
12 has received training on methods of leading other teachers
13 through professional development programs focused on teaching
14 academic content standards.

15 (b) "Experienced teacher" means a person who holds a valid
16 teaching credential issued by the Commission on Teacher
17 Credentialing, has been employed for at least five years on a
18 full-time basis in a public school that offers kindergarten or any
19 of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, has met the conditions of highly
20 qualified teacher under the federal No Child Left Behind Act of
21 2001 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et seq.), and meets local standards for
22 content expertise.

23 (c) "Training curriculum" means materials appropriate for use
24 in training experienced teachers to become instructional coaches.

25 (d) "Local educational agency" means a school district, county
26 office of education, state special school, or charter school.

27 44712. (a) The California Teacher Leadership Program is
28 hereby established to provide funding to local educational
29 agencies for purposes of training experienced teachers to become
30 instructional coaches.

31 (b) A local educational agency that maintains kindergarten or
32 any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, is eligible to apply to the

1 Superintendent for funding in order to train experienced teachers
2 to become instructional coaches pursuant to this chapter.

3 (c) In order to apply for the initial 50 percent of the funding
4 described in subdivision (c) of Section 44713, a local educational
5 agency shall submit to the state board a proposal, that is signed
6 by the appropriate agency official and approved by the governing
7 body of the agency in a public session, to provide, or to contract
8 with another local educational agency to provide, using training
9 curriculum approved by the state board pursuant to subdivision
10 (b) of Section 44714, a specified number of experienced teachers
11 in its constituent schools with 40 hours of initial instructional
12 coach training that is based on all of the following:

13 (1) Research-based instructional coaching strategies that are
14 aligned with the overall vision and professional development
15 programs of the local educational agency.

16 (2) Academic content standards in mathematics,
17 English-language arts, science, and social science, and associated
18 curriculum frameworks, adopted by the state board.

19 (3) Instructional strategies to teach academic content in ways
20 that address the varied learning needs of pupils, with special
21 emphasis on English language learners and individuals with
22 exceptional needs.

23 (4) Approaches to effective adult learning, including effective
24 communication skills and collaborative models of learning.

25 (5) The California Standards for the Teaching Profession, as
26 adopted by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing in January
27 of 1997.

28 (6) The STAR program pursuant to Article 4 (commencing
29 with Section 60640) of Chapter 5 of Part 33, specifically
30 provisions that focus on analyzing data for purposes of impacting
31 teaching practice and increasing pupil academic achievement
32 through differentiated instruction.

33 (d) In order to receive the remaining 50 percent of the funding
34 described in subdivision (c) of Section 44713, a local educational
35 agency that has been approved pursuant to paragraph (2) of
36 subdivision (c) of Section 44713 shall submit to the state board a
37 statement, signed by the appropriate agency official and
38 approved by the governing body of the agency in a public
39 session, that includes both of the following:

1 (1) Certification that it provided, or contracted with another
2 local educational agency that provided, the 40 hours of initial
3 instructional coach training described in subdivision (c).

4 (2) A proposal to provide, or to contract with another local
5 educational agency to provide, a specified number of
6 instructional coaches with 80 hours of instructional coach
7 professional development based on all of the elements described
8 in paragraphs (1) to (6), inclusive, of subdivision (c).

9 (e) Upon providing the 80 hours of instructional coach
10 professional development described in paragraph (2) of
11 subdivision (d), a local education agency shall submit to the state
12 board a statement, signed by the appropriate agency official and
13 approved by the governing body of the agency in a public
14 session, that certifies that it provided, or contracted with another
15 local educational agency that provided, the 80 hours of
16 professional development.

17 44713. (a) The Superintendent, with the approval of the state
18 board, shall administer this chapter.

19 (b) The Superintendent, upon appropriation of funding for
20 purposes of this chapter in the annual Budget Act, shall notify
21 local educational agencies of the availability of funds to be
22 allocated over a period of three fiscal years. The Superintendent
23 shall also notify local educational agencies that the maximum
24 amount of funding per experienced teacher is two thousand five
25 hundred dollars (\$2,500). In each of the three fiscal years, the
26 Superintendent shall allocate one-third of the amount of funding
27 appropriated in order to provide training and professional
28 development to 7,000 experienced teachers and instructional
29 coaches per fiscal year.

30 (c) (1) The Superintendent shall review proposals submitted
31 pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 44712 and recommend
32 local educational agencies to the state board to receive funding.
33 The Superintendent shall award two thousand five hundred
34 dollars (\$2,500) of funding per experienced teacher or
35 instructional coach who participates in initial instructional coach
36 training or instructional coach professional development, as
37 described in subdivisions (c) and (d) of Section 44712, to each
38 local educational agency that is approved by the state board,
39 subject to the limitations specified in paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) Based on the recommendations of the Superintendent pursuant to paragraph (1), the state board shall review and approve proposals submitted by local educational agencies pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 44712. The Superintendent shall allocate the initial 50 percent of the funding for which a local educational agency is eligible upon approval by the state board of the proposal for that agency.

(3) The state board shall review and approve statements submitted by local educational agencies pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 44712. The Superintendent shall allocate the remaining 50 percent of the funding for which a local educational agency is eligible upon approval by the state board of the statement for that agency.

(d) In the second and third fiscal years that funding is available as described in subdivision (b), the Superintendent shall allocate funding according to the following order of priority:

(1) First priority shall be given to local educational agencies that did not receive funding in the prior fiscal year due to an insufficient appropriation of funds for purposes of this chapter in the annual Budget Act for that fiscal year.

(2) Second priority shall be given to local educational agencies that did not exceed the maximum amount of funding per experienced teacher or instructional coach described in subdivision (b) in providing initial training or professional development in the prior fiscal year.

(3) Third priority shall be given to local educational agencies that exceeded the maximum amount of funding per experienced teacher instructional coach described in subdivision (b) in providing initial training or professional development in the prior fiscal year.

(e) A local educational agency that receives funding pursuant to this section may use no more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) of the maximum amount of funding per experienced teacher or instructional coach described in subdivision (b) to provide an individual teacher stipend.

(f) It is the intent of the Legislature that, in the event that a local educational agency does not expend any of the funds it receives pursuant to this chapter during any of the three fiscal years, those funds be reallocated to a local educational agency that has expended funds pursuant to this chapter during that fiscal

1 year. It is further the intent of the Legislature that, if funds are
2 reallocated pursuant to this subdivision, funding in subsequent
3 fiscal years for the affected local educational agencies be
4 adjusted to reflect the reallocation.

5 44714. (a) The Superintendent shall promulgate, subject to
6 approval and adoption by the state board, regulations for the
7 implementation and monitoring of the provisions of this chapter.

8 (b) The Superintendent shall recommend, subject to approval
9 by the state board, training curriculum for use in providing the
10 training described in subdivision (c) of Section 44712.

11 44715. (a) The Superintendent, subject to approval by the
12 state board, shall perform program compliance audits of each
13 local educational agency that receives funding pursuant to this
14 chapter. It is the intent of the Legislature that the audits required
15 by this subdivision be performed in accordance with Chapter 3
16 (commencing with Section 14500) of Part 9 and Section 41020.

17 (b) If it is determined as a result of a program compliance
18 audit performed pursuant to subdivision (a) that a local
19 educational agency, or another local educational agency with
20 whom it contracted, provided initial training and professional
21 development to fewer experienced teachers and instructional
22 coaches than the number of teachers and coaches for which it
23 received funding pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 44713,
24 the Superintendent shall withhold an amount equal to the
25 difference from the next monthly principal apportionment
26 payment for that agency.

27 (c) If it is determined as a result of a program compliance
28 audit performed pursuant to subdivision (a) that a local
29 educational agency, or another local education agency with
30 whom it contracted, provided initial training or professional
31 development that is not in accordance with the elements
32 described in paragraphs (1) to (6), inclusive, of subdivision (c) of
33 Section 44712, the Superintendent shall withhold an amount
34 equivalent to the number of experienced teachers and
35 instructional coaches who received inadequate training and
36 professional development from the next monthly principal
37 apportionment payment for that agency.

38 (d) The state board shall establish a procedure in which local
39 educational agencies can appeal audit determinations pursuant to
40 this section and in which the state board may, in hearing and

1 deciding an appeal, reduce or eliminate the amount to be
2 withheld pursuant to subdivision (b) or (c) if it determines that
3 the local educational agency was in substantial compliance with
4 the relevant provisions of this chapter.

5 44716. (a) By January 1, 2008, the department, subject to
6 review and approval by the state board, shall prepare and submit
7 to the Legislature a report regarding the program established
8 pursuant to this chapter. The report shall, at a minimum, include
9 all of the following:

10 (1) The number of experienced teachers and instructional
11 coaches, by credential type, who have received initial
12 instructional coach training and instructional coach professional
13 development pursuant to subdivisions (c) and (d) of Section
14 44712.

15 (2) The local educational agencies that have received funds
16 pursuant to this chapter and the number of experienced teachers
17 from each of those agencies who received initial instructional
18 coach training and instructional coach professional development
19 pursuant to subdivisions (c) and (d) of Section 44712.

20 (3) Information detailing the overall effectiveness of the
21 program established pursuant to this chapter. This information
22 shall, at a minimum, incorporate survey data concerning program
23 effectiveness gathered from program participants and school
24 principals.

25 (b) By July 1, 2008, the department, subject to review and
26 approval by the state board, shall prepare and submit to the
27 Legislature a second updated report that includes all of the
28 elements described in paragraphs (1) to (3), inclusive, of
29 subdivision (a).

30 44717. This chapter shall become inoperative on July 1,
31 2009, and, as of January 1, 2010, is repealed, unless a later
32 enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before January 1,
33 2010, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes
34 inoperative and is repealed.